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Prices were higher in New York and to producers in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin with the balance of prices unchanged although trending higher for next week. Trade sentiment was firm. Demand was light to fairly good, mostly moderate to fairly good. Supplies were tight to adequate. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were inadequate to short of needs with demand fair to good. Floor stocks were short to barely adequate. Trade sentiment was fully steady to instance firm. Spent hen removal costs were unchanged to higher. Current offerings were closely balanced to adequate. Demand was fair to fairly good. Schedules were full-time. Trade sentiment was steady. Removal costs were 5 to 9, mostly 5 to 6 cents per head.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Prices to producers in IA-MN-WI were higher for all sizes. Other reported prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Cartoned egg sales ranged from light to good, usually moderate to fairly good. Loose egg movement was usually moderate. Supplies were adequate to close and were held with confidence. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was fairly good to good for the tight to inadequate offerings. Floor stocks were very closely balanced to short. Schedules were full-time to reduced at many locations. Trade sentiment fully steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	71-80	74-77
LARGE	70-79	72-75
MEDIUM	54-63	56-59
MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV, western NY, and western PA		

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged, although all sizes continued trending higher. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Retail and distributive demand ranged light to good. Supplies were about adequate for immediate needs. Breaking stock offerings in the Eastern region were only about sufficient for usually normal schedules. Light type hen demand was fair to moderate for adequate to fully adequate offerings.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	79-93	79-82
LARGE	73-87	78-82
MEDIUM	56-69	61-63
NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, eastern NJ, eastern NY, PA, RI, northern VA, and VT		

COMBINED REGIONAL April 13, 2007
Average prices on sales to volume buyers, Grade A Large or better, White eggs in cartons, delivered warehouse, cents per dozen.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	80.50	80.00	62.00
SOUTHEAST	82.50	80.50	61.00
MIDWEST	75.50	73.50	57.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	81.50	79.50	61.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	80.03	78.38	60.51
Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.			

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS FOR LOOSE EGGS AT FARM, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, CENTS PER DOZEN

	04-17-07	04-10-07	04-18-06
Large	52-61	52-61	27-36
Medium	36-42	36-42	18-24

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-APR 16, 2007

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ 2/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		No	So	So			
		Northeast	Cent	Atl	Pacific	5-Area	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	6.1	15.6	7.3	8.9	12.8	50.7
	Change	0.7	-2.5	-0.6	-1.8	1.3	-5%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	15.3	44.9	6.6	18.3	29.2	114.3
	Change	1.2	-4.5	-4.4	0.4	11.0	3%
Large	Curr Wk	20.2	81.3	55.2	80.9	92.1	329.7
	Change	-0.9	-27.1	2.0	5.6	13.3	-2%
Medium	Curr Wk	7.1	33.8	13.8	15.0	28.5	98.2
	Change	-3.1	-5.7	0.1	-2.5	8.3	-3%
Small	Curr Wk	2.8	8.5	0.5	3.9	4.4	20.1
	Change	0.0	0.3	-0.9	-2.1	0.4	-10%
Misc	Curr Wk	3.6	20.2	9.7	12.6	5.9	52.0
	Change	0.0	-0.5	1.1	-3.6	0.9	-4%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	13.7	42.3	12.1	18.2	25.9	112.2
	Change	2.4	-9.0	-11.1	-18.0	5.4	-21%
Total	Curr Wk	68.8	246.6	105.2	157.8	198.8	777.2
	Percent Change	0%	-17%	-12%	-12%	26%	-5%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
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Shell Egg	777.2	-5%	157
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	254.0	0%	33

Total Shell Egg	1031.2	-4%	190
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1/ Information supplied by a universe of 157 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. This is a representative sample of the U.S. inventory and includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

Northeast - CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT
North Central - IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI
South Central - AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX
South Atlantic - AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV
Pacific - AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

W/E 14-APR-2007

(Lbs In Thousands) (Excludes Ingredients)						
	Cases Broken	Liquid Whole	Liquid White	Liquid Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CW	1,301,977	31,520	12,655	6,948	2,490	4,322
PW	1,254,483	31,024	11,755	6,341	2,292	4,534
LY	1,258,534	31,603	12,109	5,887	2,883	4,438
% Chg PWK	4%	2%	8%	10%	9%	-5%
% Chg LY	3%	0%	5%	18%	-14%	-3%
2007	18,383,442	456,645	171,598	92,035	36,207	64,417
2006	18,950,594	468,448	176,988	96,113	42,811	64,816
% Chg YTD	-3%	-3%	-3%	-4%	-15%	-1%

	Current Week	Previous Week	Last Year
Average Yield Per Case - (Inedible Included)	42.59	42.77	42.94
(Inedible Excluded)	39.27	39.16	39.41

IN-LINE PRODUCTION (of total production; lbs. in thousands;
may include limited amount of off-line source material)

	CASES BROKEN		LIQUID WHOLE	
	Cases % of Total		Lbs. % of Total	
CURRENT WEEK	618,768	47.5%	17,113	54.3%
PREVIOUS WEEK	633,159	50.5%	17,823	57.4%
LAST YEAR	604,980	48.1%	16,329	51.7%

BROILER HATCHERY

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set In 19 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed In 19 Selected States	
	APR 07	APR 14	APR 07	APR 14
	Thousand			
AL	*31,722	31,354	*20,400	20,571
AR	*28,374	28,586	*24,608	24,406
DE	*4,107	4,160	*5,115	5,220
FL	1,362	1,372	1,458	1,597
GA	36,164	36,373	29,038	29,254
KY	7,405	7,373	*6,186	5,283
LA	3,924	3,924	3,738	3,795
MD	*9,011	9,050	*5,952	6,300
MS	18,998	19,104	17,719	17,494
NC	19,407	19,705	16,161	15,706
OK	*6,650	6,771	*4,745	4,628
PA	3,959	3,949	2,849	2,744
SC	5,554	5,378	4,823	5,440
TX	14,963	15,007	12,840	12,797
VA	6,451	6,529	5,164	4,889
CA,MO,TN,WV	*20,151	20,221	*15,634	16,759

19 STATE TOTAL	*218,202	218,856	*176,430	176,883
PREV YR TOTAL	215,794	214,981	175,414	172,785
% OF PREV YR	101	102	101	102

* Revised

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING

Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 26-May-07 is estimated at 162.7 million head. This compares to 162.2 million head the previous week and to 162.8 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 173.2 million head and the composite weighted average price was 61.27 cents per pound.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES – WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES

(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 04/12/07-04-18-07

	CURRENT LDS	125.25	FUTURE LDS	75.75	TOTAL LDS	201.00
	SE	NE	MW			
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST LOADS
GNR W 1	58.70	63.00	59.17	61.10	46.17	-- 25.00
GNR W 2	--	50.00	--	59.00	46.50	-- 3.00
GNR BR 1	--	59.00	--	--	50.00	-- 1.00
GL W J	--	--	73.50	75.00	67.60	-- 5.50
GL W XL	--	74.03	68.80	74.57	69.05	-- 70.75
GL W LG	58.00	72.29	67.00	68.27	60.69	71.00 77.00
GL W MD	55.00	51.00	52.50	54.50	48.71	47.00 12.75
GL W SM	45.00	48.00	--	--	44.50	44.00 2.50
GL BR XL	--	--	--	61.00	--	-- 2.00
GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	--	-- .75
NRBS - 48	--	--	45.00	46.50	--	50.87 18.00
NRBS - 45	--	--	--	--	--	47.00 7.00
NRBS - 39	--	--	--	--	43.50	-- 4.00

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 14-APR-07

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW	PCT CHG PW	LY
Atlanta	23.1	36.3	-36	-43
Boston	2.8	4.3	-35	-24
Chicago	67.3	94.9	-29	-39
Detroit	16.2	23.3	-30	-25
Kansas City	4.4	5.6	-21	-19
Los Angeles	102.9	108.7	-5	-25
New Orleans	5.4	5.9	-8	-26
New York	27.2	36.2	-25	-18
St. Louis	15.2	15.5	-2	-13
San Francisco	16.5	21.6	-24	-24
Total	281.0	315.2	-11	-29
4 Week Moving Avg.	299.9			

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 14-APR-07

	YOUNG		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS		TURKEYS
Head	1,983	2,524	24	15	4,546
Avg Wt	16.64	37.61	25.80	31.11	28.38
Last Week	1,865	2,280	11	3	4,159
Same Wk Yr Ago	1,838	2,164	28	6	4,036
Avg Wt	16.66	38.35	26.10	33.23	28.38
2007	27,647	37,497	213	70	65,427
2006	26,687	36,808	329	89	63,913

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

W/E 14-Apr-07

(Preliminary)						
	---Young turkeys---			Old	Total turkeys	
	Thousand	Pct chg	Avg	Banded		Avg
	Head	PW	Live wt	-Thousand head-		Live wt
North East	752	18	23.84	(A)	755	23.84
South Atlantic	625	2	31.91	(A)	628	31.91
North Central	2,017	5	33.38	(A)	2,020	33.38
South Central	803	14	18.29	(A)	806	18.29
West	334	18	25.94	(A)	337	25.94
U.S. total	4,531(B)	9	28.38	15	4,546	28.38
To-date						
2007	65,357(B)			70	65,427	
To-date						
2006	63,824(B)			89	63,913	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turkeys included: this week 24,000; for the current year to date 213,000; for last year to date 329,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

(PRELIMINARY) W/E 14-Apr-07	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
Head	159,407	1,114	1,376	2,490	516
Avg Wt	5.39	3.14	8.02	5.84	6.76
Last week	154,029	1,117	1,422	2,539	551
Same wk yr ago	154,312	1,018	1,333	2,351	498
Avg Wt	5.35	3.38	8.12	6.07	6.70
To-date/2007	2,346,495	16,785	20,291	37,076	7,833
To-date/2006	2,405,480	17,966	21,537	39,503	7,621

A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 162.8 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 161.3 million head, or 1.5 million less than estimated available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 21-Apr-07

	Current Week	Previous Week
	04/21/07(1)	04/14/07
CLASS	-----THOUSAND HEAD-----	
Broiler/fryer	163,894(2)	159,223
Light hens	1,315	1,220
Heavy hens	1,397	1,355
Total	166,606	61,798

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 21-Apr-07 is 163.9 million head compared to 165.5 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 164.2 million head or 0.3 million more than estimated available. For the week of 28-Apr-07 the estimated available is 164.3 million head.

ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.

		MILLION HEAD			
WEEK ENDING	SLTRD	AVAIL	PCT	AVG WT	
March	10	163.3	162.0	101%	5.43
	17	160.0	161.6	99%	5.39
	24	160.4	161.3	99%	5.45
	31	160.9	161.1	100%	5.38
April	7	155.9	162.0	96%	5.43
	14	161.3	162.8	99%	5.39
Year to date	2375.0	2406.1	99%		
April	21	163.9			
	28	164.3			

FINAL BROILER/FRYER Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook ice-packed broiler/fryers (includes branded product) to be delivered to first receivers at major market centers week of:

16-Apr-2007 (cents per lb)

	U.S. GRADE A			COMPOSITE	
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG	LDS
Chicago	73.00-76.00	74.58	38	75.42	69
Los Angeles	85.00	84.16	63	82.28	137
New York	73.00-76.00	75.39	23	77.25	49

COMPOSITE WTD AVG PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS

	Change from			
16-APR-2007	09-APR-2007	09-APR-2007	17-APR-2006	
78.53	-20	78.73	58.64	
NUMBER OF LOADS	522			

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD	LBS
			AVG	(000)
CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/				
8-16 LB HENS				
EASTERN REGION 3/	74-76	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	74-76	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	74-76	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS				
EASTERN REGION 3/	74-76	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	74-76	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	74-76	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F.

2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days.

3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting.

4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting.

5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - (INCL GOVT STOCKS) SELECTED STGE CENTERS (IN THOUSANDS)

		FREGS LBS	TURKS LBS	POP LBS
AM	04/16/07	3,328	71,994	47,267
AM	04/01/07	3,240	69,750	47,359
CHG		88	2244	-92
PCT CHG		3%	3%	0%

HEN MARKETS**HEAVY TYPE**

(7 pounds and up)* Final price, cents per lb., generally for slaughter the week of 16-APR-07

REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD
			AVG
Southeast (1)	5.5-12 CENTS/LB.		8.21
Southeast (2)	TFEWR		
South Central (1)	5-11 CENTS/LB.		8.01
(1) At Farm Buyer Loading (2) At Farm Producer Loading			
*Weights under 7 lbs. subject to discount.			

LIGHT TYPE - REMOVAL COST

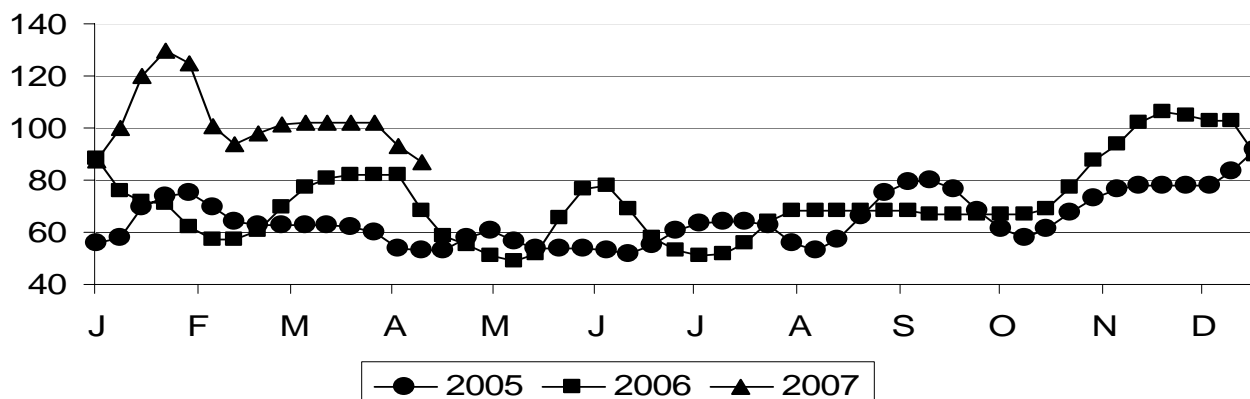
Cents per head, generally for removal within the next 10 days, (includes handling, freight and any other charges, weights average about 3.50 pounds) 13-APR-07

REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY
Eastern	4-12	7-9
South Central	Too Few To Report	
North Central	0-9	5-6

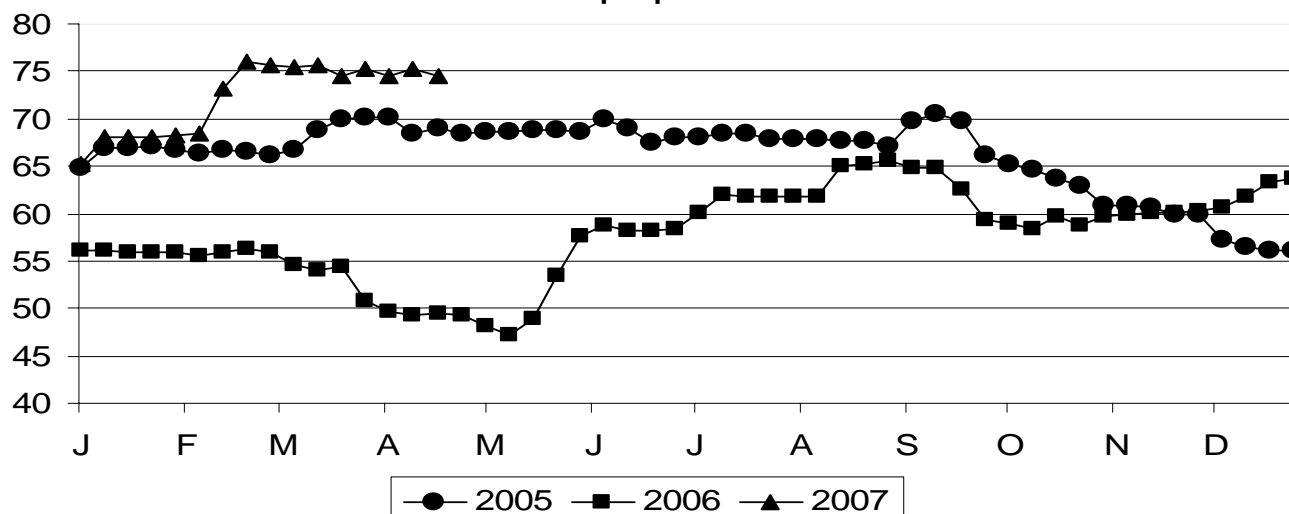
COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT (Receipts From Producers) W/E 14-Apr-2007

	CASES	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
REGIONS	(IN THOUS)	LW	LY
North Atlantic	191.9	4	0
East North Central	634.7	-3	-2
West North Central	267.4	-4	-16
South Atlantic	180.6	-4	-9
South Central	57.0	-6	6
West	176.2	-19	-21
Total	1507.8	-5	-8
Matched plants reporting		82	82
Areas Covered: North Atlantic (ME, VT, MA, RI, CT, NH, NY, PA, NJ, MD, DE)			
East North Central (WI, IL, MI, OH, IN)			
West North Central (IA, MN, MO, KS, SD)			
South Atlantic (SC, NC, VA, GA, FL, KY)			
South Central (TN, AL, AR, MS, OK)			
West (CA, CO, WA, OR, UT)			

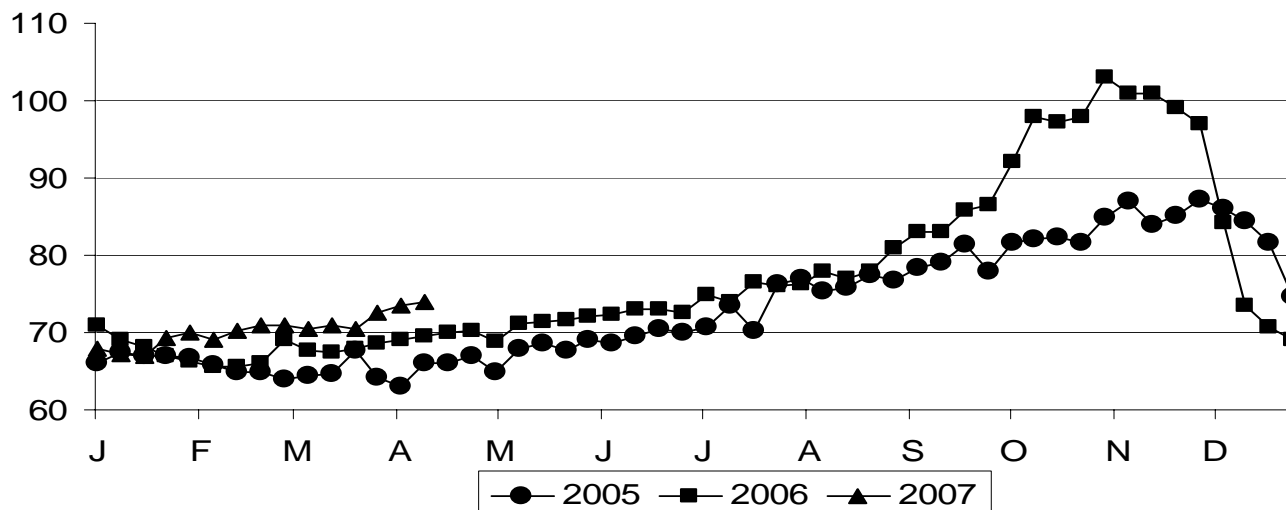
New York Large Weekly Average Price cents per dozen



Chicago Broiler/Fryer Weighted Average Prices cents per pound



Eastern Weekly Average Prices For 8-16 LB Hen Turkey cents per pound



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